



Library Director's Report

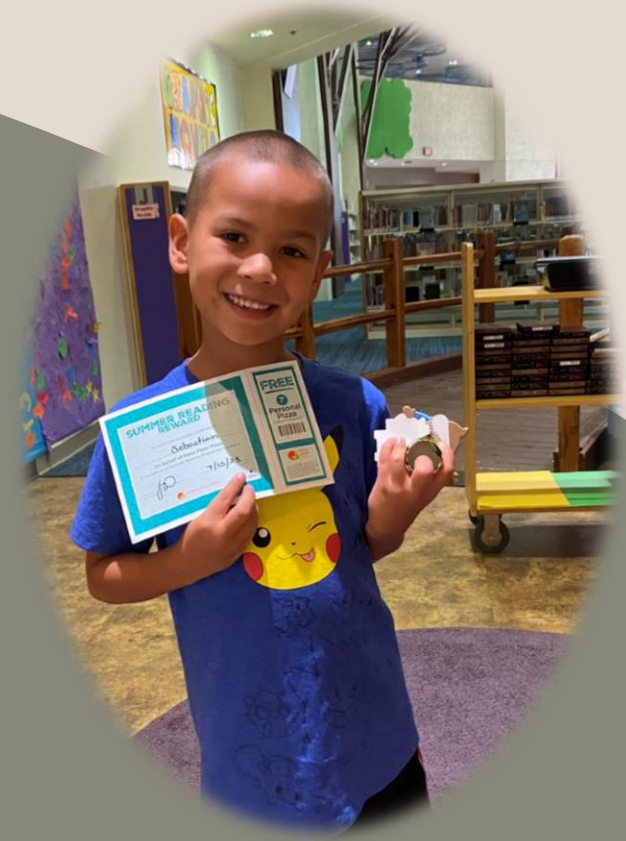
September 2023

Presented by:

Melissa Orr, Interim Library Director

Summer Reading Program 2023

	TY Reg	LY Reg	% Change	TY Comp	LY Comp	% Change
Babies	959	882	9%	370	347	7%
Youth	2,843	3,262	-13%	1,044	986	6%
Teen	700	680	3%	389	368	6%
Adults	2,117	1,650	28%	1,067	809	32%
Total	6,619	6,474	2%	2,870	2,510	14%



6.4 million minutes were logged compared to 5 million in 2022

Hold Lockers @ Granite Reef



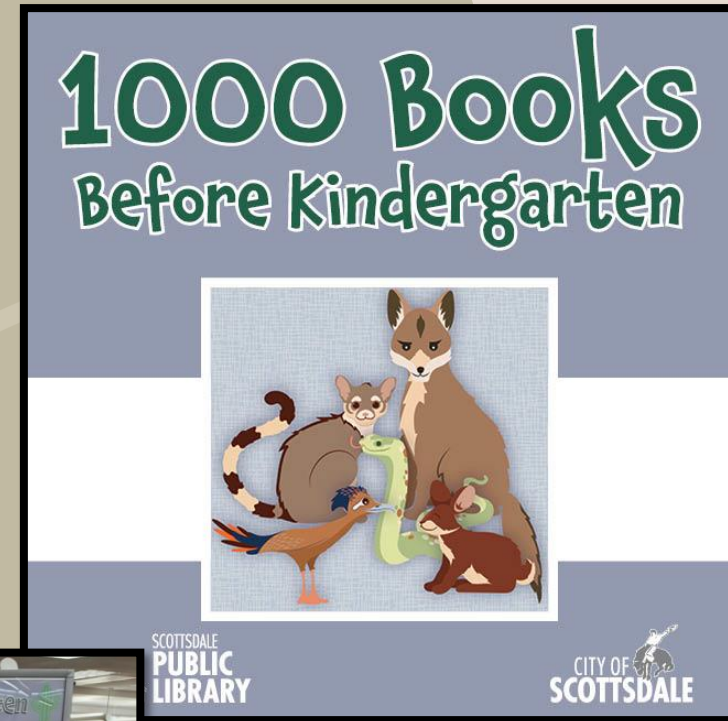
Opening Celebration
Thursday, July 27
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Granite Reef Senior Center

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Wednesday, August 2nd

Current prizes include:

- 100 - A magnet and a finger puppet
- 300 - A confetti beach ball
- 600 - A rainbow cactus popper
- 1000 - a backpack



StoryWalk @ Rio Montana Park

Completed on August 16





Patron Point

Library Card Auto-Renewals

Began on September 1st

- Automatically renew qualifying patrons' library cards for another year without the patron needing to visit a library branch or filling out the application.
- Those who do not qualify for the service or are not automatically renewed can still renew their registration by visiting any library branch in-person or online through the library's website.

Library Celebrations & Events:

- Library Card Sign Up Month - September
- TeenTober - October
- NaNoWriMo - October
- Banned Books Week - October 1-7
- National Friends of the Library Week - October 15-21
- Fall in Love with Scottsdale Civic Center (Oct – Nov)



All Library Staff “Virtual” Conference

“Stronger Together”

Monday, October 9, 2023



Keynote Speaker – Sara Zettervall
“Whole Person Librarianship”





**ULTIMATE PLAY DATE +
LIBRARY CARD CAMPAIGN EVENT =**

ULTIMATE “FAMILY” PLAY DATE & CONCERT

Saturday, December 9, 2023
9:00am – 1:30pm
Scottsdale Civic Center

Comics Plus by LibraryPass

- Our newest digital service is Comics Plus - Thousands of titles of comics, graphic novels and manga.
- It's not just for kids, content for Teens and Adults too - from the Walking Dead to Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.
- Supports reluctant readers, visual learners, and English Language Learners in a fun way. Counterintuitively - on average, children can learn more complex vocabulary from comic books or graphic novels than if they were reading an adult novel.
- We did a great tie-in with Summer Reading Program (thank you to Youth Services and their amazing Teen Volunteers!) and we have circ'd over 2,000+ titles since July!
- Fun & Educational – check out the app to download or stream off the website.
- Have questions? Ask Bethany!



Reciprocal Plus Borrowing



- 6-month pilot
- Only books available
- “New” books not available
- Only currently available items (ie. items with no holds)
- Rules of the borrowing library apply (holds, checkout period, etc.)
- No renewals

- Testing is currently taking place
- Staff training to come
- Pilot launch late September/early October

Thank you!

